

REMARKS

Consideration of this application in view of the above amendments is respectfully requested. Claims 1-17, 20 and 21 stand allowed in the corresponding parent application (U.S. Patent No. 6,698,454 issued March 2, 2004) and have been cancelled herein. Claims 18 and 19 are pending.

Consideration of claims 18 and 19 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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